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ORGANIZE BREWERY, WAREHOUSE WORKERS

No. 188 Pact Acclaimed as Nation's Best

C. E. Davis, president of Teamsters Local No. 188, has just signed a contract with five major wholesale bakery companies in Indianapolis.

Carl Kunert, chairman of the negotiating committee for the employers, stated that nowhere else in the United States does he know of a wholesale bread drivers' contract which carries so high a guarantee and commission rate, with two weeks vacation after one year of service, adding that he thinks this is the best wholesale bread contract in the country.

This contract gives the Indianapolis salesdrivers a substantial increase in basic guarantee and other concessions, all retroactive to June 1, 1946.

It guarantees \$50 a week on sales totaling \$410, and 10 per cent on all over \$410.

The five companies to the contract are:

Colonial Baking Co.
Continental Baking Co.
(Wonder Bread)
General Baking Co. (Bond Bread)
Purity Bakeries Corp. (Taysee Bread)
West Baking Co.

Peaceful Negotiation

The agreement was reached after a series of negotiations (Continued on page 2)

NO. 716 MEMBERS GET BACK MONEY FOR FOUR MONTHS

James E. Deets, president of Teamsters Local 716, Indianapolis, has obtained four months' back pay for approximately 150 union drivers employed by members of the Building Contractors Association.

The settlement dissolves a strike notice filed by the Local with the National Labor Relations Board against the association members. The disagreement was over the question of retroactive pay involved in a ruling of the U.S. Wage Adjustment Board, in approving a contract between the union and association members, as explained previously in this publication.

On June 19 the contractors agreed to make the retroactive payments, and President Deets set a deadline for these payments of July 3. Within ten days all but two or three of the contractors had paid up and the others indicated they would get in under the deadline.

PRESS CITED FOR POLIO FIGHT



Roy J. Badollet, retiring president of the Marion county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is shown (right) awarding certificates of appreciation to the Indianapolis newspapers for their support of the 1946 fund drive of the organization. Awards were made at the chapter's annual meeting in the Columbia Club, Indianapolis. Left to right: John Hillman, associate editor of the Indianapolis News; Edwin C. Heinke, city editor of the Indianapolis Times; William A. Dyer, general manager of the Indianapolis Star, and Governor Ralph F. Gates, speaker at the meeting.

Warning that June through September is the danger season for infantile paralysis (poliomyelitis), Miss Betty Malinka, Indiana Field Representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is broadcasting a leaflet which explains "What to Do If Polio Strikes."

We reprint the leaflet in this edition, as the start of a series designed to impress upon Teamster readers the seriousness of this mysterious disease, which strikes apparently out of nowhere

and hits certain localities with results baffling all medical science.

That the daily press is fully aware of the disastrous nature of the disease is indicated in the awards being given by local chapters to newspapers for their support of the March of Dimes. For example, all three Indianapolis dailies have received the award as pictured above.

Elsewhere in this edition is shown that the Fort Wayne Teamsters are having a heart for child victims. (See page 3)

ANGEL ADVOCATES BETTER SECURITY

EVANSVILLE—In a debate over radio station WEOA here M. J. Angel, secretary-treasurer of Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Union No. 215, criticized the Social Security program as inadequate and recommended a number of amendments for the benefit of unemployed working people.

The program, he said, is an excellent beginning in protecting the individual worker against hazards inherent in a system of free enterprise.

Benefits, however, he said, should be increased and extended to cover large groups of persons who today are not protected and also to cover additional risks against which many individuals are unable to protect themselves.

Mr. Angel urged that benefits be provided for disability and said that social insurance should be expanded to pay the cost of medical care.

He pointed out that centuries of private practice and group efforts by private organizations had been accompanied by con-

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Local 414 Drivers Get Good Increase

FORT WAYNE—Substantial wage increases are provided for members of Teamsters Local No. 414 employed on construction projects in the Ft. Wayne area, according to a new rate schedule approved by the Wage Stabilization Board in Washington.

The increased rates became effective on the first pay roll period after May 24, Pat Hess, business representative of Local 414, announced this week. The new schedule had been before the Stabilization Board since last February.

Approximately 150 men, employees of the Associated Building Contractors of Fort Wayne, are affected by the new schedule, Mr. Hess said.

The local recently signed new contracts with Howard Sober Co. and Firtgate and Girtton Co. Both of these companies have drive-away fights for the International Truck Company here to various distributing branches in the United States. Substantial increases were granted to employees of the companies.

Mr. Hess said that Local No. 414 is now negotiating a new contract with the City Service Oil Company.

NO. 73 HAS GOOD LABOR RELATIONS



ELMER NOLAN

One of the less publicized unions of Teamsters in Indiana is Local No. 73, centering in Vermillion County at Clinton and headed by Elmer Nolan.

This union has been neglected somewhat by the daily press, possibly because its activities are outside the fine comb of metropolitan journalism, but more likely because it has engaged in so few labor controversies.

But lack of publicity does not mean unimportance in this instance. Truth is, Local 73 is

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Nation-wide Campaign by Joint Councils

A program to organize all brewery workers and warehouse workers in the United States has been launched by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, according to reports made at the June 21 meeting of the Indiana State Drivers Council.

Stephen Toth, president of the Council, and Emmett J. Williams, told of attending a conference in Chicago of Teamsters' Joint Council representatives from all parts of the country, at which the nation-wide campaign was outlined by International President Tobin.

Mr. Toth attended the conference as a representative of Joint Council No. 11 and Mr. Williams represented Joint Council No. 69. Other Indiana Teamster officers who attended were George Skerce, Terre Haute, and O. B. Chambers, Kokomo, both of Joint Council No. 69; Clyde B. Birdsong, Evansville, Joint Council No. 76; Pat Hess of Fort Wayne and Walter E. Biggs, South Bend, both of Joint Council No. 75.

An official report of the conference is contained in the current *International Teamster* and reprinted herewith on page 4.

At the time of the conference it was not known how the brewery workers would affiliate nationally, and the decision of the conference was therefore made contingent upon their future action.

Since the report was made, the United Brewery Workers have voted to affiliate with the CIO, according to *The CIO News*, which claims for the brewery workers a membership of 85,000.

No. 233 Organizing Wholesale Groceries; Strikes J. C. Perry Co.

Ten members of Teamsters Local No. 233, are picketing the wholesale grocery establishment of J. C. Perry & Co., 620 South Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, over a question of wages.

Their action spearheads a general campaign just started by Local 233 and its president, Leo Bauer, to organize all wholesale grocers in this vicinity.

The Perry Co. teamsters have been organized for approximately ten years. Negotiations for a new contract were started by President

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Leader Sees Good Story

During the last couple of years *The Indiana Teamster* has given considerable space to the aggressive activities of Local 188, in Indianapolis where its news is more readily obtainable by the editor, than news from some of the other locals, located elsewhere.

Lest we be criticised for over-publicizing this union, therefore, we refrained from reporting the details of its victory in the Home-Made Pie case, except insofar as referred to in Swede Waechter's column, last issue.

That the story deserved a big splash on page one was verified by *The Leader*, official publication of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, which appeared June 7 with a banner spanning the whole of its front page and giving details, thus:

Teamsters Local No. 188, Indianapolis, won a great victory last week when a far-reaching injunction against the Local was dissolved in Marion Circuit court.

It was a great victory, too, for all organized labor in Indiana because if the restraining order had been upheld by higher courts, the rights of every union in Indiana to operate successfully would have been placed in jeopardy.

Dismissal of the action was mutually agreed upon by attorneys for the Home Made Pie Company, Indianapolis, and Attorney Lynn Miles, counsel for the union.

At the same time, Attorney Miles withdrew the appeal he had taken to the State Supreme Court. Significantly enough, the Home Made Pie Company agreed to pay all costs in the action.

The swift change of events came about, it was learned, through a partial change in ownership of the pie company which also resulted in a change of attorneys for the company. The new attorneys realized in a hurry that the order of Circuit Judge Lloyd D. Claycombe of Indianapolis apparently wouldn't stand up if given a FAIR hearing in a higher court.

It was also learned by *The Leader* that the original suit was underwritten and backed by the anti-labor Merchants Association of Indianapolis in league with the Restaurant Owners' Association. These organizations, composed of wealthy Indianapolis businessmen, apparently conspired and used the pie company as a front to completely paralyze union activities in Indianapolis and the state.

NAM Dodges Probe

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Betraying its fear for an honest inquiry into the real causes of labor disputes, the National Association of Manufacturers rejected an invitation to testify at public hearings of the House Labor Committee.

In an attempt to evade the issue, the NAM declared it did not believe further Congressional studies necessary and urged immediate passage of anti-labor legislation.

This is a direct contradiction of the stand taken by President Truman in his veto message on the Case Bill. The President in that message repeated his recommendation for a six-months' study by Congress into the causes of labor disputes before any action is taken on legislation to minimize such disputes.

Representative Kelley (D.) Penn., chairman of the labor subcommittee conducting the investigation, wrote to Walter B. Weisenberger, NAM executive vice president, saying:

"The subcommittee dislikes to bring a charge of contempt against the National Association of Manufacturers and hopes your decision may be reconsidered."

AFL President William Green has accepted the committee's invitation to testify and will appear at a public hearing within a few days.

Mr. Green made it clear that labor has nothing to fear from an open and fair inquiry into the causes of labor disputes.

Labor leaders intimated that the NAM fears a Congressional inquiry because it might delve into management policies to resist wage demands and attempt to destroy unions during the reconversion period when many industries were in a position to obtain huge tax windfalls if production were held up by strikes.

MAYFLOWER DOINGS

I hear that Gerald Quillen took his vacation. Sure hope it don't happen often.

I was in the bunkhouse the other day and some sweet voice kept calling for "Lenny" Freeman. Humpf.

"Squeaky" Beaver was in St. Louis recently. Oh, you kid!

I hear that Cliff Rader almost got home. Sure is tough, ain't it Cliff!

Whitey Keith was in town recently. They've still got him tied up in a GI hospital, but he hopes to be out soon. Good luck, Whitey!

I hear that Bill and Tommy Wright have opened a furniture store in Fayetteville, North Carolina. That I gotta see!

Anyone know where Theodore Francis Gard went after he took his vacation? Sure gets in a hurry.

Bob Flory was in town recently and just about the time the city put on 88 additional policemen. Some coincidence.

A sight to see is "Sparky" with his students, as they tour the office and shop, etc. Reminds me of a Mother Goose story. Ha!

Clayton Mudd sure is sore at a dispatcher. Watch that language, boy!

Well, the Mayflower committee comprised of Owens, McKinnon and Warren Johns, will all be in this month to discuss future policies and contract procedure with the union officials.

Local 188 Has Best Wholesale Bread Contract

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between committees representing the Union, headed by President Davis, and the bakers, headed by Carl Kunert, regional manager of the Continental Co.

Mr. Kunert's territory covers several states. He is responsible for the statement that this is the best contract for wholesale bread salesdrivers anywhere in America.

Serving with Mr. Kunert on the employers' committee were A. L. Taggart, of the Colonial Co.; Carl Iserloth, local manager of Continental; J. R. Hearne, General; T. D. Gilgrist, Purity, and Harold West of the West Co.

Union Committee

Union members on the negotiating committee included Leonard W. Bea, recording secretary of Local 188; Mike Worthall and William Barton, salesdrivers, all of Continental.

George Dugger and Felix Maris, stewards; Morse Eagen and Fred Schultz, salesdrivers, all of Purity.

Earl Stevens and Ray Eccles, stewards, and Robert Ayler, salesdrivers, all of Colonial.

O. B. Kellar, secretary-treasurer of Local 188; Floyd Gibson and Harvey Simmons, salesdrivers of West Co.

Robert McGuire, steward; William Rader and Ralph Bland, salesdrivers of General.

Local 233 Strikes Perry Co. In Drive on Wholesale Grocers

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Bauer April 15. Wayne Evans, company manager, offered a 5-cent-an-hour increase, which was unanimously rejected.

Union Files with NLRB

On May 16, the Union filed a strike notice with the National Labor Relations Board, and on June 19 walked out.

Next company in the series is the J. P. Michael Grocery Co., of 441 South Illinois St., Indianapolis, which received its strike notice May 30. Its drivers are organized but the company to date has refused to deal collectively with them.

NO. 135 FILES FOR STRIKE VS. McKEOWN

Teamsters Local 135 has filed a strike notice with the National Labor Relations Board against the McKeown Transportation Co., with which it is in disagreement on a question of wages.

The Union, headed by Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer, and Robert McClain, business representative, opened negotiations with the management for a new contract as of May 1.

The Union is requesting a substantial increase in wages for its members.

By June 1 the two parties were deadlocked, and the strike notice followed. The management has agreed that any adjustment will be retroactive to May 1.

Farm Bureau Contract

Local 135 is now negotiating with the Indiana Farm Bureau Co., Inc., for a new contract covering all gasoline transport drivers, to replace one expiring July 6.

The Union is demanding road expenses for the drivers and substantial increases compatible with advancing living costs.

The company has agreed to retroactive pay, as of July 6, in case negotiations run over the expiration date.

Negotiations are being conducted for the Union by Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer, and Robert McClain, business representative.

LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEPHEN TOTH

We extend our sympathy to the widow and family of George Justak of Justak & Sons Trucking Co. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Bruce Darraugh of Calumet Trucking Co. These two men headed two of the largest trucking companies in this district—both of them 100 per cent organized.

The U. S. Labor Conciliator was in on the McKeown Transportation Case.

The major oil companies have offered us \$1.76 per week raise. I knew we were coming to this type of increases, but I figured it was about five years away.

H. Turner and C. Reed have been called back to work at McKeown's after being layed off for a couple of weeks.

We have signed contract at the East Chicago Dock & Terminal Co.

Still negotiating our new contract with Certified and Lake Cities Concrete Co. The boys voted for a strike.

Talked to a number of Business Agents from all over the country at the International Conference in Chicago. They all have the same type of headaches that we have. Their Locals might be different, but the headaches are the same.

Saw Joe Burba of Justak's watch the auto races from on top of the fence. Joe claims it's much cooler up there. Of course, saving a buck and one-half didn't have anything to do with it.

LOST: ONE PAINT BRUSH

Kalman Borsists of McKeown's, while painting his house dropped his paint brush off the ladder. His neighbor's dog grabbed it and ran down the alley with it. So poor Kalman will be unable to finish the paint job until he finds the paint brush. (That's what he told his wife).

GI'S PAID VACATION UP TO COMPANY RULE

Whether a GI who has recently returned to civilian employment is entitled to vacation with pay this summer depends upon the policy obtaining in the office of his employer at the time he entered military service.

The man or woman who left his employment to enter military service is regarded by the Selective Service law as having been on furlough or leave of absence from his employment.

Therefore, the test is whether it was the rule and practice of the particular GI's employer, at the time the GI entered military service, to grant vacations with pay to persons returning from furlough or leave of absence.

This qualification to the theory that all returning GIs are supposed to get vacations was explained for *The Indiana Teamster* by Major Raymond F. Body, in charge of Veterans' personnel at State Selective Service headquarters in Indianapolis.

A Newspaper Statement

The question arose when some of the Teamsters saw a headline in an Indianapolis newspaper stating that, "Veteran Returning to Old Job Is Entitled to Paid Vacation."

The Q and A in a column for veterans was as follows:

Q—I was a railroad employe for four years before I went into the Army. I served for three years and was discharged. I am now back at my old job. Am I entitled to the usual vacation with pay this summer?

A—Yes, according to national Selective Service officials.

In this instance the railroad had a policy of granting vacations to men returned from leave of absence, or the answer would have been incorrect, it is believed.

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 73 IS DOING GOOD JOB

Elmer Nolan Still Heads Union He Helped Organize

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one of the liveliest and most progressive units of the Brotherhood of Teamsters in Indiana and among labor organizations anywhere.

A Mixed Local

Its membership, a mixed local, embraces every type of hauling coming under the jurisdiction of the IBTCW & H and covers four counties—Parke, Vermillion, Putnam, in Indiana and Edgar County in Illinois, a territorial stretch 100 miles long and 50 wide. So that the mother hen's chickens are scattered over 5000 square miles, and are divided among themselves by the Wabash River, working for 25 different employers.

All Covered by Signed Agreements

By the river only, however, is the membership divided. Otherwise it is as unified a group as a mixed local can be. Its union officers have arrived at working contracts with all the 25 employers, and the entire membership today is covered by signed agreements.

New Agreement in Paris, Ill.

Latest contract obtained by Mr. Nolan for his Teamsters is with the Meadowgold Creameries in Paris, Illinois. This is the first union agreement to be obtained from the concern, which is a branch of the Beatrice Creameries. It gives the members of Local 73 increased pay, shorter hours and other improvements in working conditions, including vacations with pay, graduated up to two weeks after five years of service.

Local 73 Is 13 Years Old

Elmer Nolan has been with Local 73 from the beginning, 13 years ago. He helped organize it and was its first president, 1933 to 1937, when he was elected secretary-treasurer and business representative, a position he has held through the succeeding years.

When chartered the local contained but 12 members, all working in Clinton. Other officers at the time were Adam Dunsmore, Harry Whitecomb, Eddie Kanzier, Robert Eastwood, William Weir and Frank Kanzier. All are still members.

Present officers, additional to Mr. Nolan are Ray Bybee, president; Edward Dirker, recording secretary; and James Fellows, Harry Crosley and John Lawson, trustees.

Nolan's Other Activities

The head of Teamsters Local 73 never misses a meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council or Joint Council No. 69 of Indiana Teamsters, in both of which organizations he has held various offices from time to time.

He takes an active part in these monthly meetings and was congratulated at the last Drivers' Council meeting for his work in revising the Council's by-laws.

He says little about himself and you have to visit Clinton to find out that he is president

of the Central Labor Union there and president also of the Building Trades Council of Clinton and its vicinity.

You'll find out in Clinton, furthermore, that Mr. Nolan knows how to talk with the business men. He's a director of the city's leading organization of business men, the Clinton Commercial Club.

Which might account for the good labor relations there. And they have been good. In all the 13 years, Nolan has had only one strike lasting as long as eight days, and no other lasting more than one day.

The only time he resorted to picketing was in the case of a grocery company in Clinton back in 1938. The pickets were at the grocer's door only five minutes, and that was while he was hunting for a pen to sign a contract.

C. E. DAVIS ATTENDS BAKERY CONFERENCE

C. E. Davis, president of Teamsters Local 188, Indianapolis, has returned from Kansas City, Mo., where he attended the Bakery Wagon Drivers national conference, June 24, 25 and 26.

The conference of union leaders representing Teamster bakery drivers throughout the country was one of the most important meetings ever held by this group.

It discussed many problems confronting the baking industry today, such as super-store deliveries, retail deliveries, different government orders and "the many obstacles that are being placed in our way today."

In announcing the meeting, William A. Lee, of Teamsters Local 335, Kansas City, who served as chairman, declared:

"We have a great need of a get-together meeting at this time to exchange ideas and we need your (union leaders) counsel and advice."

Local 233 Members Saddened by Death

Funeral services for Chester Jackson, popular member of Teamsters Local 233, were conducted June 20 by Walter Shirley at Shirley Bros. funeral parlors, Indianapolis.

Mr. Jackson, 50 years of age, had been employed at the Coburn warehouse, 221 West Georgia Street.

Death occurred at his home, 632 Madison Avenue, following a short illness.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Edna Jackson; three children, Stirling, Kathleen Jackson and Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton; a brother, Willie, of Indianapolis, and four sisters, Mrs. George Bohannon and Mrs. Claude Comfort, of Indianapolis; Mrs. George Willoughby, Bowling Green, Ky., and Mrs. Volney Pearson, Louisville.

ILLINOIS REMEMBERS

CHICAGO—Illinois is the first state to enact veterans' bonus legislation. The legislature approved a bill granting nearly \$400 each to 915,000 Illinois World War II veterans. The cost will be \$385,000,000, to be financed by a bond issue backed by increased cigarette and horse-racing taxes.

Outing for Fort Wayne Polio Victims



—Lander photo.

Teamsters Local 414, Fort Wayne, headed by Pat Hess, recently promoted an all-day outing at Sweeney Park for 39 children victims of infantile paralysis and other ailments. Some of the children are shown riding on a fire wagon which was brought to the park through the cooperation of the local Fire Fighters Union. Transportation for the children was provided by the Safety Cab Co. and its union drivers. The wheel chair (shown right) was donated a few weeks ago by the Teamsters to a children's hospital there.

what to do

IF POLIO STRIKES

If infantile paralysis (poliomyelitis) breaks out in your community, follow these suggestions

Avoid new contacts. Try not to mingle with crowds unnecessarily. (Schools and other gathering places, however, may remain open.)

Watch these symptoms. Headache, unexplained fever, a cold, even upset stomach may be the first symptoms of infantile paralysis.

Call your doctor immediately if any of these symptoms appear. Expert medical care may help prevent crippling.

Remember. Carry on your normal activities. Infantile paralysis cannot be prevented but few of those stricken develop serious illness and, with good care, the majority will make a satisfactory recovery.

Don't worry about expense. If polio strikes, get in touch with the Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis close to your home.

Quick Action Often Prevents Crippling

June through September is the danger period when these simple rules should be followed

Don't get overtired. Extreme fatigue makes you an easier victim.

Avoid chills. Don't stay too long in cold water.

Keep clean. Wash hands before eating. Keep flies and other insects away from food.

Help keep your community clean. Waste and exposed garbage may be sources of infection.

Don't swim in polluted waters.

Avoid removal of tonsils or adenoids prior to and during polio epidemic season.

There is no known cure for infantile paralysis. Good medical care will prevent or correct some deformities. But in every fourth or fifth case there will be permanent paralysis that cannot be overcome. Do not believe those who for one reason or another promise to cure these cases. Be guided by sound medical advice.

Your doctor, your health officer and your county Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will do everything in their power to see to it that your community is

ready to meet an epidemic. Year-round services provided by the National Foundation Chapters, in cooperation with local health authorities include:

Hospitalization, transportation, care and treatment of polio patients.

Purchase of artificial (iron lungs), orthopedic appliances and other special equipment.

Payment of fees, of physicians, nurses, physical therapists and other professional personnel.

These services are made possible through Your contributions to the March of Dimes

AFL Resumes Labor-USA On ABC Network July 6

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Beginning July 6, the AFL will resume its weekly radio feature, "The American Federationist of the Air," on the Labor-USA program carried by the Nation-wide network of the American Broadcasting Company at 5:45 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, Saturdays.

The program will be heard under AFL auspices for twenty-six consecutive weeks, through the end of the year.

Last year when this radio novelty was inaugurated it proved im-

mensely popular with AFL members and the general public. The same format will be retained this year.

Presented in the form of a "magazine of the air," the program intersperses news reports with comment by AFL leaders and guests on outstanding national and international developments.

If you want to keep up with what's going on in the world and in labor affairs, make certain to tune in each Saturday. The program is listed as "Labor-USA."

JOE WILLIAMS SAYS:

We cannot control the Evil Tongues of others; but a Good Life enables us to disregard them.

Consult your local newspapers for the exact time the broadcasts are presented in your community.

TEAMSTERS TO FIGHT BLUE NOSE LEGISLATION

IN THE KNOW WITH KOKOMO

By O. B. CHAMBERS

Meetings of Local Union 759 have been cancelled for the months of July and August and the next regular meeting will be held the first Saturday in September, which will be September 7th.

Local 759 has recently signed a contract with the Howard County Lumber Co. This is one of the first lumber companies to sign a contract with Local 759. We insist that all the building trades crafts please take note of this when receiving deliveries on lumber.

The bread contracts with Ward Baking Co. and Omar Baking Co. are still in negotiations. Local Unions 369-691-188 and 759 have filed a Smith-Connally strike notice on the Omar Co.

The Kokomo Concrete Corp. headed by Mr. Lane has not signed the contract presented to them by this Local Union, and are refusing to go along with Local 759. We would like for anyone to bear this in mind when ordering concrete blocks, as they are on the unfair list with Local 759.

The oil bulk plant contract and also the transport contract covering the Shell American people in Kokomo have been opened for negotiations.

We have also opened the contract covering the beer distributors, which is now in negotiations and also the contract covering the National Cylinder people in Logansport.

The construction contract which was before the wage stabilization board has been partially approved, with the exceptions of Ready Mix drivers and mechanics helpers. We have gained full approval on the contract and are protesting these classifications, which will give our men in the construction field a nice increase.

We ask all members of Local 759 to be a little patient during the month of July as the office personnel will be up for their vacations at this time.

The Safety Cab Co., upon which we have worked since January, is holding up the signing of the Agreement, and to date we have nothing more to report. Therefore when riding in cabs in Kokomo request the cab driver to show his Union button and book. Also request the same from your milk man. If all of our members would show this spirit and action we are quite sure we could bring about the organization of these people and also strengthen the position of our regular members.

HEADED FOR ALTAR

Officers and members of Teamsters Local 233, Indianapolis, want to congratulate the lucky man who will lead Miss Donna Button, of that office, to the altar about August 1. And they wish her all the happiness in the world as Mrs. Anthony.

GAL FROM WESTFIELD

Miss Leona Griffin, who runs the office of Teamsters Local 716 in the absence of Deets, Hudson & Co. and who lives on the outskirts of Westfield, Ind. (wherever that is) has just returned from a two weeks' vacation at the lakes. Fishing was good and she caught a sunburn. Wonder who took care of her gold fish while she was away.

BIRDSONG A DIRECTOR

EVANSVILLE—Clyde Birdsong, president of Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local 215, has been elected a director of the Evansville Community Fund.

Roy Wright Ends a Life of Service To Union Drivers



—News photo.

Officers and members of Teamsters Local 193, Indianapolis, were distressed to learn of the death of Roy Wright, who had been a trustee of the local since its organization, in August, 1942.

Mr. Wright died June 27 at his home 1720 Pleasant Run Parkway, North Dr., Indianapolis. He was 51 and had been a Union Teamster since 1918, holding membership first in Local 135.

Mr. Wright was warehouse superintendent for the Hogan Transfer and Storage Corporation, where he had been employed twenty-five years. He was born at Greensburg, but had lived in Indianapolis thirty-six years.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Thelma Mills and Mrs. Margaret Morris; a son, Richard E. Wright; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, and two grandchildren, Wallace Mills and Harriet Kay Morris, Indianapolis.

Official Report of Conference

(From International Teamster)

Representatives of all joint councils met in Chicago on June 18 and 19 to map plans for a nationwide organizational drive on warehouses and breweries.

The warehouse drive will begin immediately. The brewery campaign is contingent on the outcome of a referendum among members of the Brewery Workers' International Union.

The Brewery Workers are voting on a recommendation of their executive board that they affiliate with the CIO. If the members approve the recommendation, the Teamsters will start at once to organize the breweries inside and out.

If the members reject the recommendation of their executive board and reopen negotiations to affiliate again with the AFL, the Teamsters will respect their jurisdiction.

At present the Brewery Workers are independent, having withdrawn from the AFL in protest over a decision of the executive council giving the Teamsters jurisdiction over drivers and warehousemen.

The meeting of joint council representatives was held at the Palmer House in Chicago, while the regular meeting of the executive board was in session. The full board attended meetings of the joint council representatives, where President Tobin outlined the plans

THINGS I SEE AROUND 1-9-3

By JOHN MIKELS

Did you ever see anybody with as many troubles as Tubby Steinbauer? No wonder! With Hill as helper what could you expect?

What a time the boys have been having out at Pearson's Furniture Co. warehouse! Wonder if it will ever straighten out? Boy, I hope so.

Saw Joe Richardson and Sam Bass down town the other day. Supposed to have been blocked in an alley. Yes, Sir!

Don't anybody ask Ernie Sloan for information. He couldn't even find Fishers Station with a road map.

Poor old Al Holycross out at Hogan's sure has his troubles. Lay off him, you guys. You may be old and toothless yourself some day.

Edgar Hudson finally got Mr. Carleton to give him a semi. Watch those underpasses, son!

If any of you guys see a Brink's truck coming down the street, for Pete's sake take cover. It might be Roy Brown at the wheel.

Some member lost a costly pair of glasses last week at 617 East 20th St. If he will call there and describe the glasses the gentleman will be glad to return them to him.

We hear that William Boruff of Taylor's is opening a filling station on West Washington St. Good luck, Bill!

As this goes to press I learn that Ray Wright, a foreman at Hogan's and a beloved member of 193, has passed away. We mourn the passing of a staunch union man and a worthy citizen.

Pat Hess Heads Committee To Aid Beverage Workers



Teamster representatives who attended a recent meeting in Indianapolis, called by the State Federation of Labor to make plans for protection of workers in the beer and liquor industries included: Pat Hess, foreground; D. E. Mahoney, second row; O. B. Chambers, third row, and Lee Lantz, extreme rear. Harry D. Cole, who also attended the meeting, is not shown in the picture.

News Notes From 543, LaFayette

By S. W. HELTON

A new agreement has just been signed with our City Freight Operators granting a substantial increase.

We are listing again our meeting nights so that all members may know.

LAFAYETTE—103 N. Sixth St., third Monday, 7:30 p. m.

FRANKFORT—Labor Temple, last Saturday, 7:30 p. m.

GOODLAND—Library, last Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

DAIRY EMPLOYEES—Fourth and Columbia Sts., third Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.

ICE AND COAL—103 N. Sixth St., second Friday, 7:30 p. m.

Bill Brown, of the Courier Express, is home again after leaving the hospital for medical treatment. He will perhaps be unable to work for two or three weeks yet. Fred Shoaf is in pitching for him during his absence.

After several weeks negotiations, our Furniture Movers have signed a new agreement providing for increased rates.

A delegation of freight boys was in to find out about the new contract, Monday, July 1, the day the new rates became effective. They were well satisfied.

Millner Provision packing house shut down for a few weeks, which leaves our drivers there out of work for the time.

Sure glad Omer Stultz has a milk and butter route. Between him and "Dutch" Woontz, the butter shortage hasn't been so noticeable. Thanks, boys!

To our Business Representative friend who ordered some scrap aluminum: The order has been placed and delivery is expected soon.

and brewery campaigns will boost the membership to well over a million, giving the Teamsters unchallenged supremacy as the world's largest labor union.

Pat Hess, head of Teamsters Local 414, Fort Wayne, and vice-president of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, was named at a meeting June 27, chairman of a committee representing six AFL groups to fight against the return of Prohibition to Indiana.

The committee, to be known as the Workers Protective Committee, represents AFL members engaged in the beer, wine and liquor industries. Besides the Teamsters, groups represented are Bartenders, Distillery Workers, Glass Bottle Blowers, Musicians and Coopers.

The meeting voted to request 200,000 or more AFL members in the state to join in the all-out program to work against the election of dry candidates to the state legislature this Fall.

UP-TO-DATE WITH NO. 188

By SWEDE WAECHTER

"He hath enough that hath bread enough."



Claude Franks, former employe of Grennan Bakeries, Inc., is now operating a filling station at North and Alabama Sts., Indianapolis. We wish a lot of

success to you, Claude.

Johnny Pitts, former Colonial salesdriver, is now driving for Kraft Cheese.

Tommy and Ted Davis, formerly of Colonial, are now operating the T & T Food Market at Mickleyville, out on West Washington St. Good luck, Boys!

Wayne Bush, former Purity Bread salesdriver, of Lafayette, was in to see us recently.

All milk on the door step isn't alike. Some of it is scabby. This is an awful thing to say, but some of our good brothers are buying scabby milk. Capitol Dairies and Kroger Dairy are brother members of yours. Come on, Boys. BUY UNION MILK! In doing this you help organize the unorganized.

With malice toward none, Abe Lincoln once said: "The Lord must love the common people; that's why he made so many of them."

Here is a list of returned vets at Omar. Welcome home, Boys! We sure are glad to have you back! Don Stookey, Joe Parsley, John Miller, Don Brodie, Ray Boone, Frank Garrett, Paul Schott, Bill Thomas, Darrell Henley, Leonard Stantfield, William Lane, Jim Staggs, Al Keen, Charles Gorman, Paul Stevens, Walter McCollough, Roger Morris, Clifton Totty, Herman Wittz, Harry Johnson, Ernest Rueter, Zed Day, Russell Cook and Ray McAllister.

Pay Raised in Evansville

EVANSVILLE—A wage Adjustment Board decision gives a substantial hourly increase for varied classifications of workers under jurisdiction of Local 215, Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers, according to Clyde B. Birdsong, union president.